

Message

From: Tate, Rita [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=EDA1B80A0EF742FE9933813ECA85E4F3-TATE, RITA]
Sent: 8/8/2019 8:38:26 PM
To: Smith, Kimberly J. [smith.kimberlyj@epa.gov]
CC: eDAT [eDAT@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: *SEARCH TERM CLARIFICATION* ED_002845 - EPA-R3-2019-007791 - VT Messages - FOIA

YAY!! THANK YOU.

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From: Smith, Kimberly J. <smith.kimberlyj@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2019 4:29 PM
To: Tate, Rita <Tate.Rita@epa.gov>
Cc: eDAT <eDAT@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: *SEARCH TERM CLARIFICATION* ED_002845 - EPA-R3-2019-007791 - VT Messages - FOIA

Yes it is. Your request has been approved.

Thank you,

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From: Tate, Rita <Tate.Rita@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2019 4:22 PM
To: Smith, Kimberly J. <smith.kimberlyj@epa.gov>

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Thanks Kimberly,

Since the requester seem to be interested in only emails that "mention" Mary Gay Scanlon and not emails "to" or "from" Virginia and/or Mary Gay Scanlon, I'm thinking that it is not a participant search. Is that enough information to proceed with the search?

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From: Smith, Kimberly J. <smith.kimberlyj@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2019 9:14 AM

To: Tate, Rita <Tate.Rita@epa.gov>

Cc: eDAT <eDAT@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: *SEARCH TERM CLARIFICATION* ED_002845 - EPA-R3-2019-007791 - VT Messages - FOIA

Good morning Rita,

A participant search is when the system looks only at the header fields of an email (i.e., To, From, Cc, and Bcc) for a matching email address or domain name (e.g., Tate.Rita@epa.gov, @foxnew.com, or @umd.edu). A keyword search looks at the entire message to include the header fields for that same information.

When trying to determine which route to take, I recommend taking into consideration whether or not you solely want emails sent between two or more parties, or if you want any mentioning of a particular email address or domain name. If the requester wants both they have to be separated into two requests. This is because our tool will not run a participant search OR a keyword search in the same search request. A participant search automatically creates an AND relationship with a keyword search. This means both conditions must be true to receive a document hit.

Based on the information you provided regarding this request, I would agree that the requester is asking for a keyword search. Whenever a request form references a person's name I always ask which type of search they want, because sometimes people think we can find participant addresses using just a name alone. We need their actual email address.

I hope this helps. Thank you.

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From: Tate, Rita <Tate.Rita@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2019 7:31 AM
To: Smith, Kimberly J. <smith.kimberlyj@epa.gov>
Cc: eDAT <eDAT@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: *SEARCH TERM CLARIFICATION* ED_002845 - EPA-R3-2019-007791 - VT Messages - FOIA

Good Morning Kimberly,

Excellent Question! The FOIA request is asking about emails that “mention” Mary Gay Scanlon and not emails “to” or “from” Mary Gay Scanlon so I’m thinking that it is not a participant search but I look to you (or EDAT) for guidance since I am still trying to figure out how to put together a good search string and I don’t think I know exactly what a participant search is. ☺

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From: Smith, Kimberly J. <smith.kimberlyj@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 4:55 PM
To: Tate, Rita <Tate.Rita@epa.gov>
Cc: eDAT <eDAT@epa.gov>
Subject: *SEARCH TERM CLARIFICATION* ED_002845 - EPA-R3-2019-007791 - VT Messages - FOIA

Hi Rita,

I just want to confirm that your search terms “**Mary Gay Scanlon**” OR “**Mary Gay**” AND “**Scanlon**” are a keyword search and not a participant search?

Thank you,

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